

House Study Bill 527 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BAUDLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for the operation of a vehicle
2 on a roadway laned for traffic and making penalties
3 applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.306, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~Whenever any~~ When a roadway has been divided into three or
4 ~~more~~ clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules
5 shall apply in addition to all others other rules consistent
6 ~~herewith shall apply with this chapter:~~

7 EXPLANATION

8 Under current law, certain requirements apply to a person
9 operating a vehicle on a roadway that is divided into three
10 or more clearly marked lanes. Those provisions include a
11 requirement that a vehicle be driven entirely within a single
12 lane except when it is clearly safe to move out of the lane; a
13 requirement to heed signage pertaining to slow-moving traffic
14 or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same
15 direction; and a requirement for vehicles in a lane designated
16 for slow-moving vehicles to yield the right-of-way to vehicles
17 moving in the same direction in another lane when the lanes
18 merge. This bill makes those requirements applicable wherever
19 a roadway is divided into lanes, regardless of the number of
20 lanes.

21 Current provisions relating specifically to driving in the
22 center lane of a three-lane roadway are not altered by the
23 bill.

24 A violation of requirements pertaining to laned roadways is
25 a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$100.
26 A violation that results in serious injury may subject the
27 violator to an additional fine of \$500 or driver's license
28 suspension for not more than 90 days, or both. A violation
29 that results in the death of a person may subject the violator
30 to an additional fine of \$1,000 and license suspension for not
31 more than 180 days.